

REMARKS

Initially, applicant would like to thank Examiner Chin for further discussing the application with applicant's representative on June 6, 2006 and for his time spent during the discussion.

The application has been amended to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 5 and 13-23 are pending in the application. Claims 16-23 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected species.

Claims 13-15 were rejected as anticipated by NEWELL 5,066,527. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Based on the above-noted discussion with the Examiner on June 6, 2006, amending the independent claims to recite that the inner and outer layers are connected together along substantially an entire length of the inner and outer layers would be sufficient to distinguish over NEWELL.

As agreed, the connection of NEWELL is only at the ends. NEWELL does not disclose inner and outer layers connected together along substantially an entire length of the inner and outer layers.

Accordingly, as independent claims 13, 14 and 15 are amended to include the above feature, the rejection over NEWELL is believed to be untenable and should be withdrawn.

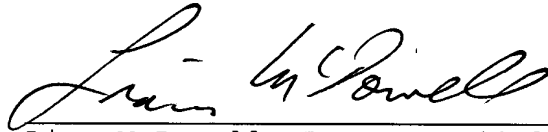
Withdrawn claims 16-23 should be examined and allowed as part of the present application because these claims include at least the limitations of one of claims 13, 14 or 15.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing Remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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